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Applicants: **Alfred H. Merrill, Jr. et al.**

Serial No.: **09/676,835**

Examiner: **Meller, M.V.**

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For: **METHOD OF ALTERING SPHINGOLIPID METABOLISM AND
DETECTING FUMONISIN INGESTION AND CONTAMINATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Office Action mailed November 23, 2001, in the above referenced application, please enter the following election and consider the following remarks. A "Marked up" version of the amended claims, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check for \$55.00 are also enclosed. Although no additional fees are believed by the Applicants to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 27- 30 and 37-38 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 7, 8, 17 and 18 as follows:

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the fumonisin is selected from the group consisting of Fumonism B₁ and Fumonisin B₂.

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